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In re the Application of:

Yoshihiko OBATA

Serial No. 09/919,843

Group Art Unit: 3622

Confirmation No. 5667

Filed: August 2, 2001

Examiner: John W. Van Bramer

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on August 4, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 4, 2006, which being a holiday renders this response timely filed on September 5, 2006. An RCE is submitted herewith.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.